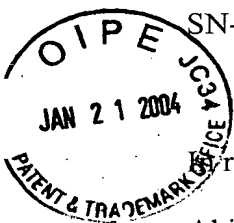


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Taiwanese Patent No. 250793 appears to disclose a bicycle brake device having a movable brake lever 40, as best seen in Figures 1 and 2.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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